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At the SED Executive Committee meeting 14 February, Walter Ulbricht mentioned Marshal Sokolovsky's promise to Wilhelm Kutz that the SMA would support private initiative. Ulbricht went on to say that additional private enterprises are to be confiscated soon because of the political attitude of their owners. The latter will be branded as fascists and active Nazis. In its propaganda, the SED will claim it favors private ownership in principle but that these individuals are harming the community. The confiscation will be carried out by the police, and the state ministries of economy have been instructed not to interfere.

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